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SUBJECT: POST FOLLOWS UP ONGOING MISSILE PROLIFERATION  
MATTER RAISED AT APEC BY PRESIDENT BUSH

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ons 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#). (S) Poloff delivered ref A message informing China of an  
imminent shipment of ballistic missile parts from North Korea  
to Iran via a Beijing-bound Iran Air flight to MFA Arms  
Control and Disarmament Department Missile Division Deputy  
Director Wang Daxue on November 3.

[2](#). (S) Recalling Post's October 25 message concerning this  
shipment (Ref B and C), Wang said China continues to  
investigate this transfer but welcomes the additional  
information. When pressed for an update on the Chinese  
investigation, Wang would only say that Beijing is not yet  
prepared to share information on its investigation at this  
time. Noting that Presidents Bush and Hu discussed this  
proliferation concern at APEC, Poloff told Wang that Post  
would be seeking an appointment next week at a higher level  
to discuss this issue further

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